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As a below named inventor, I/we hereby declare that:

My/Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my/our name, I/we believe that I/we are the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Method For INcreasing The Wear Resistance Of A Work Piece

the specification of which was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/EP98/06479
 filed October 13, 1998 (US Serial No, 09/529,383 - April 13, 2000)
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

I/We hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I/We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

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